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817 North Main Street  
Almont, Michigan 48003

**Village Council:**  
Steve Schneider, President  
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem  
Richard Lauer  
Dave Love  
Gary Peltier  
Melinda Steffler  
Richard Tobias

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:	Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
	Police Chief	Pat Nael

Guests Present: Mr. Michael Deem

**COMMUNICATIONS**

President Schneider read a letter from the Four County Community Foundation notifying the Village of their grant award in the amount of \$995 to be used toward the cost of the Almont Elementary feasibility study.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Special Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2014
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2014, with a note to Item #7 as the price of 126 E. St. Clair has changed due to penalties and interest.
3. Special Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2014, as corrected.
4. Special Meeting Minutes, July 24, 2014, as corrected.
5. Warrant #14-08-A Gen Ck #32957-33024, EFT #22, Equip EFT #45
6. Payroll Report #79, Ck #15755-15760, DD #895-914, EFT #83-84



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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Request to Waive Rental Re-Inspection Fee**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler explained that the owner of 226 Church Street had requested the rental re-inspection fee of \$20 be waived due to the fact that the Building Inspector would already be there inspecting the work required under the building permit.

It was the consensus of Council that these are two separate departments (Ordinance Enforcement and Building Department), inspecting two separate issues and therefore the rental re-inspection fee would not be waived.

### **2. Property Purchase – 126 E. St. Clair**

Discussion was held regarding the discrepancy in the owner name between the tax records and the quit claim deed dated December 23, 1986.

It was the consensus of Council to table the issue of adopting Resolution No. 14-08-01, authorizing the Village of Almont to exercise its first right of refusal to purchase 126 E. St. Clair from the Lapeer County Treasurer in order to verify there are no potential issues regarding the question of ownership.

### **3. Ordinance No. 187.1 – Amendment to Almont Village Water Utility Ordinance**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED**, with Love, Peltier, and Tobias dissenting, to adopt Ordinance No. 187.1, Amendment to Almont Village Water Utility Ordinance to permit the Lapeer County Health Department to make the determination of conformity of wells to State of Michigan Department of Environment Quality (MDEQ) standards.

### **4. Fireworks Ordinance**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with proposed Ordinance No. 192, which would regulate the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to hold a first reading of Ordinance No. 192.

### **5. Resolution Opposing Nuclear Waste Repository**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with a draft resolution supporting legislation presented by Senator Pavlov and Senator Green opposing a proposed Canadian nuclear waste dump from being built less than one mile from the shore of Lake Huron. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution No. 14-08-02, opposing the construction of a nuclear waste repository in the Great Lakes Basin.



ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Schneider  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**6. Skid Steer Purchase**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with a proposed sales order, installment purchase contract, and resolution authorizing the installment purchase contract for the skid steer loader that was presented at the July 15, 2014 meeting. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, with Lauer dissenting, to approve the sales order provided by Titan Equipment for a Gehl Skid Steer Loader with attachments in the amount of \$34,045.00.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, with Lauer dissenting, to approve the installment purchase contract between the Village, Tri-County Bank, and Titan Equipment to purchase the Gehl Skid Steer loader as presented.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, to approve Resolution No. 14-08-03, authorizing the installment purchase contract for the Skid Steer loader.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Dyke, Love, Schneider  
Nays: Lauer  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**7. Junk Yard License Renewal – P & L Salvage**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with a Junk Dealer License for P & L Salvage. Ms. Keesler noted Mr. Israel had inspected the property and found no apparent violations with the Village's ordinances.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the renewal of the junk yard license for P & L Salvage to last through July 1, 2015.

**8. ROWE Professional Service Company Invoice - \$8,192.25**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the payment of the ROWE invoice in the amount of \$8,192.25 for expenses related to the Water Booster Station.

**9. Tri-County Plumbing & Heating Inc. Invoice - \$2,740.00**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the payment of the Tri-County Plumbing & Heating invoice in the amount of \$2,740.00 for expenses relating to the installation of a new condenser unit at the municipal building.



## **10. Michael Deem's Background Check and Contract**

Council reviewed Mr. Michael Deem's background check and proposed contract. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the employment agreement between the Village and Mr. Michael Deem with the proposed changes regarding short-term disability and personal time off days. Council welcomed Mr. Deem to the Village.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

#### **1. DDA Director's Report**

#### **2. Legislative Link**

### **COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler congratulated Mr. Deem and updated Council as to the issues with the Village's local cable channel.

Ms. Keesler also informed Council she had received an email from the National Trust for Historic Preservation notifying her the Village had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,000 and is awaiting the official paperwork.

Ms. Keesler also informed Council of an offer that was made from the owner of 107 S. Main to sell the property in the amount of \$800,000. It was the consensus of Council to not accept the offer.

Councilmember Peltier informed Council that Third Degree Burns would be performing at Music in the Park this week and that the series was getting a great deal of radio air time on the 103.1 radio station.

Councilmember Peltier also thanked Councilmember Tobias for making the display case that will be fastened to the outside of the Park Pavilion.

Councilmember Dyke questioned the lighting on the flag pole at the park. Councilmember Peltier explained there is a solar light on top of the flag pole.

Councilmember Steffler suggested that part of our procedures for the employment process would be to perform the background and reference checks prior to an offer being made. It was the consensus of Council to perform the necessary checks for all the candidates the Selection Committee recommends to Council prior to interviewing.

Councilmember Lauer and Schneider welcomed Mr. Deem.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: August 19, 2014



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